GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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BUDGETORY SUPPORT FOR NINTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gross Budgetory Support for the annual plan for the year2001- 2002 of the Ninth Five Year Plan has been slashed;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of percentage of budgetory support to the Ninth Plan after slashing down of budgetory support; and

(d) the areas which are likely to receive less funds because of this decision?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. After discussions between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the Finance Minister and in view of the fiscal position of the country, it was agreed that the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the Annual Plan 2001-02 will be Rs. 100,100 crore. Of this amount, Rs. 95,100 crore have been allocated for Central Assistance to State/Union Territory Plans (Rs. 40,644 crore) and Central Sector Plan (Rs. 54,456 crore).The balance of Rs. 5,000 crore has not been allocated so far and has been shown as a lumpsum provision for additional expenditure on plan schemes and projects in the budgetary provision for the Department of Expenditure. This amount is linked with the expected realisation of Government`s disinvestment receipts and will be allocated in the course of the year when it becomes available. With the GBS for the Annual Plan 2001-02, the Budgetary Support realised for the Ninth Plan is about 88% in real terms (i.e. at 1996-97 prices).

(d): Does not arise.